OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF OR-GANIZING THE STENOGRAPHERS.

They Probably Will Never Be Able to Form a Union in the True Sense.

INDIANA CHILD LABOR LAW

CONTROVERSY IN NEW HAVEN BE-TWEEN UNIONS AND CLERGY.

Information of Interest to Workers Gleaned from Local and General Fields.

From time to time there is talk of organtzing stenographers. Attempts have been made in several cities, but the varied class | terers have not yet settled their scale, but there is to deal with prevents satisfactory | no suspension of work is expected to make achievement. There is an organization of an adjustment. stenographers, principally in New York city, maintained as a social institution, that does a great amount of good for its members, but its principles are not along lines calculated to assist those needing help. The society of stenographers is composed of what may be termed experts and constitutes the "four hundred" of shorthand reporters. The line is sharply drawn so as to eliminate the more poorly-paid, and the soclety makes it its duty to look after its own members to the discrimination of the less expert. In this way many good positions are denied available applicants and they keep the mediocre class from advancing to places that pay the best salaries. Similar societies exist in other large cities and are maintained on like principles.

The effort of labor organizations to reach those below the "four hundred" has failed a co-operative enterprise. for several reasons. Perhaps the prime reason is that the demand for stenographers is more than supplied and competition has termed that institution the "Physic is so sharp among the common class that wages are cut to a minimum. Another barrier, and one which probably works the greatest harm to the girl who depends upon employment for her living, and, in many cases, to help support an entire family, is the girl who has a good home and merely works for "pin money." The latter class of stenographers represents no small per cent. of office helpers and assistants. The girl who has a well-to-do father usually has a certain amount of influence which he exercises in securing a position for his daughter. This situation obtains in all cities, and invariably the dependent girl is kept out of | er and holds a card in the union. many good-paying positions by the "pinmoney" stenographer.

This class of stenographers rarely interferes with the experts, and thus the burden of their competition is thrown upon the needy class. In the common class there is also a grading which serves to hinder a newspaper. movement to organize them. An advertisement in a newspaper in any metropolitan city for a stenographer will fill an office building the next morning with shorthand writers demanding salaries all the way from \$3 to \$10 a week. An employer seldom takes the time to inquire into the financial affairs of the applicants, and he selects the best of the lot. If one states that she is the daughter of so-and-so her chances are the better, and if she is pretty it is not to her disadvantage

These varied conditions make one big proposition that active labor organizers have been unable to get around. The "four hundred" does not meet the requisites of a labor organization on account of its discriminating character, and outside of this class it is difficult to establish anything like a uniformity or understanding for the betterment of conditions.

#### LABOR VS. CLERGY.

#### An Animated Controversy Is Now on The List Is Announced by Secretary at New Haven.

The New Haven Trades Council is making a fight for cheaper water rates in a of Agriculture, yesterday issued a list of new contract that is to be made by the the fairs to be held in Indiana during 1902. city, and the labor organizations have lined | The list follows, giving the date and the up against the preachers of the city, who names of the secretary of each county as- to old age. Yet these audiences are filled are charged with not taking the interest | sociation; they should in the question. The clergy is charged with not supporting the people against monopoly and the church with usually being on the side of plutocracy and greed. The sentiment of the council was expressed in the following circular which Nauer.

was recently published: "The common people of the city are at present demanding a small part of their God-given right to inherit the earth. The issue is as clear as day-one between the rights of people versus corporate greed-and what part have you taken in it? With one notable exception the clergy of the city are with the professors, bankers, lawyers and so-called cultured element.

"We, therefore, as representatives of those whom the Man of Galilee loved, deem it our duty to call your attention to the fact that in some way you have become divorced from the position taken by Him. He worked for the poor. You are always on the side of the rich. He had no place to lay His head. You have elegant fur-

"We believe that when some man gets something for nothing some other man must produce something and get nothing in return. We know that if a share in the New Haven Water Company has a par value of \$50 and yet sold for \$118 that some man somewhere had to slave and by the sweat of his brow made up the difference

"Therefore, reverend sirs, believing and knowing these things and at the same time watching your attitude toward them, can you blame us for not supporting the institution that is so clearly opposed to justice, humanity and brotherhood?"

#### CHILD LABOR LAWS.

#### Conditions That Prevail in Many of the States.

A comparison with other States shows that Indiana has the limit of minimum child labor laws, which is the highest of any in the United States and equal, if not higher, than any in the world. The child labor law of Indiana places the minimum age at fourteen years. Other States that have the fourteen-year limit are Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey (for girls), Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Missouri, Louisfana (for girls) and Tennessee. The Legislature of Tennessee raised the limit from twelve to fourteen years in 1901. The minimum in Pennsylvania and Ohio is thirteen | craft. years. States having the twelve-year minimum age are Maine, New Hampshire, Maryland, North Dakota, California, West Virginia, Rhode Island, New Jersey (for boys) and Louisiana (for boys.) New Hampshire and California formerly had the ten-year minimum. Vermont and Nebraska still limit the age to ten years. In the South, particularly in the cotton States, | London Mail. there are laws not generally enforced or no laws at all governing the age limit, and children may be found working in the factories as young as seven and eight years.

#### Local Labor Notes.

The Laundry Workers' Union will give its annual ball in Masonic Hall April 30. About fifteen locals of the trades and labor unions of the city have voted in favor | Louis Stevenson's best known novel, "Treaof an assessment to raise funds to build a labor temple.

big preparations to entertain the first na- death of little Paul Dombey, and Captain tional convention of the craft, which will | Cuttle is among the vital creations of the be held here in May. Several undertakers of the city have

promised the Cab Drivers' Union that they will lend assistance in attempting to in-

crease the rates for cab hire. The Pressmen's Union will elect a delegate Tuesday night to the international convention to be held in Baltimore. David

Self seems to be the choice anndidate. Mrs. John L. Feltman and Miss Lillie background. Mr. Kipling knows the ocean

national Women's Label League to be held in Peoria, Ill., May 6 to 9.

George French, of Louisville, organizer or the International Cigar Makers' Union, will be in the city this week and will remain for an indefinite period in an effort to increase the sale of union made cigars. ington street, last night. An effort is being made to increase the membership, and the union has been encouraged by a number of requests from contractors for union

The Upholsterers' Union will hold an open meeting in Smith's Hall Tuesday night. President Eagle, of the international union, will address the meeting. The union has had difficulty in maintaining its organization, and this is another step to create in-

The Garment Workers' Union has voted to send delegates to the local Women's Council. The Laundry Workers' Union al ready has representation in the council and the Women's Label League will send delegates. The Florence Kelly lectures on the evils of the sweat shop system aroused the interest of these unions.

All of the building trades, with the exception of the Carpenters' Union, have a bright outlook. The scales of the various the exception of the carpenters and structural iron workers. The structural iron workers anticipate little difficulty in adof the new Claypool Hotel building have already notified the union that there will be no cession of work when the new scale goes into effect May 1. This leaves the carpenters about the only union that may have difficulty in adjusting this year's scale, and it is probable that a strike will be necessary to make a settlement. The plas- ing.

#### General Labor Notes.

The tile-layers of Kansas City have won their demands for \$4.50 a day. Alfred Mosely has come to this country from England to study labor conditions

The teamsters of Scranton, Pa., are de-The tube workers of the country are plan-

ning to form a national organization, rep-Cutters and trimmers in the wholesale clothing houses in Chicago have organized a union of 900 members in the last year. The contractors of Galesburg, Ill., have organized to resist a demand for an eight-

hour day that is being made by the build-

entirely in accord with the Civic Federation, and the International Wood Worker Phederation. The barbers' license bill before the Ohio

schools, which turn out boys in a short time as full-fledged barbers for a money consideration. The Texas State Federation of Labor, in its recent convention, urged the Democratic state government to pass a few labor

laws and seceded from the American Federation of Labor. The Kansas City Board of Public Works recently passed a resolution that no inspector shall be hired in the water works department unless he is a practical plumb-

The Trades and Labor Assembly of Marietta, O., recently organized under state laws and capitalized at \$5,000. A small labor journal started there in behalf of striking printers was absorbed and arrangements are being made for wire service to start a

Michael Tighe is a much-talked-of candidate for the presidency of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers against President Shaffer. The association will hold its convention in Wheeling, W. Va., this month, and a close race for the office is expected. "Colonel" James McGill, editor of the

Louisville Labor Journal, and Jerome Jones, editor of the Atlanta Labor Journal, are in a controversy over the following rhyme which Jones wrote about McGill, and published in his paper:

There's Jim McGill, of Louisville. Who never worked and never will, Who never dodged a chance to drink, Nor give a pretty girl the wink; Who always wears the best of clothes, And lives in style on what he owes.

#### INDIANA FAIR DATES.

Downing.

Secretary Downing, of the State Board

Vincennes-July 4 and 5, James M. House. Marion Driving Association-July 22 to 25, Madison-July 22 to 25, C. R. Johnson, ir. Hagerstown-July 29 to Aug. 1, L. S. Bow-

North Vernon-July 28 to Aug. 1, F. M. Kokomo (races)-July 28 to Aug. 1, H. H. Brazil-July 30 to Aug. 1, W. P. Zimmer-

Danville-Aug. 5 to 8, C. F. Bowen. Osgood-Aug. 5 to 8, R. A. Creigmile. Frankfort (races)-Aug. 5 to 8, Asa H.

New Castle-Aug. 5 to 8, W. L. Risk. Fairmount-Aug. 11 to 15, C. A. Fletcher. Lawrenceburg-Aug. 12 to 15, H. L. Now-

Logansport Doctor Club-Aug. 12 to 15 Terre Haute-Aug. 11 to 16, C. R. Duffin. Bainbridge—Aug. 12 to 16, A. R. Allison Winchester-Aug. 18 to 23, E. N. Canaday. Lebanon-Aug. 18 to 23. Riley Hauser. New Harmony-Aug. 18 to 23, George C.

Ramelton-Aug. 19 to 23, C. S. Campbell. Rockport-Aug. 19 to 23, James A. Payne, Elwood - Aug. 19 to 23, Frank E. De

Corydon-Aug. 25 to 29, Ed S. Tuell. Boswell-Aug. 26 to 29, W. H. McKnight. Muncie-Aug. 26 to 29, M. S. Claypool. Rushville-Aug. 26 to 29, J. Q. Thomas. Franklin-Aug. 26 to 30, W. S. Young. Newton-Aug. 28 and 29, Thomas Shultz. Frankfort-Aug. 25 to 30, Joseph Heavilon. Swayzee-Sept. 2 to 5, E. C. King. Lafayette-Sept. 1 to 5, C. W. Travis. Princeton-Sept. 1 to 6, W. T. Hopkins. Anderson-Sept. 1 to 5, C. A. Eastman. Shelbyville-Sept. 2 to 6, C. E. Amsden. Riley-Sept. 3 to 5, Milton Maxwell.

Crown Point - Sept. 2 to 5, Fred G. Boonville-Sept. 8 to 13, J. F. Richardson, Crawfordsville-Sept. 8 to 13, W. F. Hulet. Columbus-Sept. 9 to 12, Ed Redman. Middletown—Sept. 9 to 12, F. A. Wisehart. Valparaiso—Sept. 9 to 12, J. W. Halladay. Indiana State Fair-Sept. 15 to 20, Charles

Huntingburg-Sept. 15 to 20, H. C. Rothert. Huntington-Sept. 16 to 20, A. L. Beck. New Carlisle-Sept. 17 to 19, A. H. Comp-

Laporte-Sept. 16 to 19, J. E. Bowell. Chrisney-Sept. 22 to 27, J. P. Chrisney, Decatur-Sept. 23 to 26, T. H. Harris. Rochester-Sept. 24 to 27, F. F. Moore. Covington-Sept. 23 to 26, Ross De Haven. Kendallville-Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, J. S. Con-

Portland-Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, J. V. Ash-Fort Wayne-Oct. 1 to 4, G. V. Kell. Bourbon-Oct. V to 3, B. W. Parks. Angola-Oct. 7 to 10, Orville Goodale. Bremen-Oct. 7 to 10. Vincennes-Oct. 6 to 11, James M. House,

#### The Sea of Literature.

The sea has played almost as important a part in English literature as it has in English history. One might fill a column with the mere catalogue of sea stories and sea poems. Byron, Tennyson, Swinburne, and, in fact, almost every English poet of note have felt the sea inspiration. Perhaps Charles Kingsley's "Westward Ho" is the most popular sea novel after, of course, Captain Marryat's immortal works, Robert ure Island." has sailors for its characters and the sea for atmosphere. Dickens used The local union of sawsmiths is making the sea to add to the mournfulness of the novel. The sea, too, plays a part in "David Copperfield." Instances might be infinitely

Nowadays Mr. Joseph Conrad, one of the half dozen living novelists of genius, draws inspiration from the sea, as does Mr. Frank T. Bullen, Mr. Louis Becke, Mr. Clark Russell and the American, Mr. Morgan Robertson. Mr. Charles Marriott's remarkable story. "The Column," has the sea for a Fredericks have been elected descrate and as well as he knows every other terrestrial alternate to the convention of the Internation, and Mr. W. W. Jacobs, whose

erature, is concerned entirely with those who go down to the sea in ships, though they are, as a matter of fact, only coasters. Mr. Henry Newbolt, the author of "Admirals All," is perhaps the modern sea aureate. Other sea poets are Mr. Harold Begbie, Mr. Bliss Carman and Mr. Quiller-

Perhaps the finest sea story ever written is Victor Hugo's "Les Travailleurs de la Mer," which has the unmistakable salt smell, and it is impossible not to recall the part the sea plays in Dumas' "Monte

#### DIVORCE AMONG THE RICH.

Childless Marriages Often Lead to It-Music as a Cause. Rev. Percy S. Grant, in Ainslee's Magazine.

It is among the rich-or, at any rate, in classes above the so-called working classes -that divorces most frequently take place. Opponents of divorce laws not infrequently urge in support of their position the many marriages and divorces of certain popular actresses. I think the matriunions have been generally signed, with monial habits of actors and actresses should not be permitted to complicate the modern problem of divorce. The kaleidojusting their scale, and the contractors scopic alliances of Miss Blank give the ordinary sober citizen moral vertigo. He usually knows little about the men whose very names the footlight lady disdains. The whole transaction has an appearance of unreality and vulgarity that is disgust-

> Children are guardians of the home. Where there are few or no children in the family there are many lurking dangers. These dangers are more frequent among the rich than the poor. A church in New York attended by many people of wealth undertook to have a Sunday school for the children of these persons, because there was some objection made to regular Sunday school on the ground that it was filled with poor children from the tenements. But it was discovered that there were in the whole parish only twenty-nine children of Sunday-school age from homes of wealth and five of these were in one family. Family life suffers incalculably from limitation of its numbers. The maternal instinct, even in a wife who believes she lacks it, is a restless force that leads to many dangerous quests and is often respon-

sible for conjugal alienation. "But not only is the natural hunger of a woman's nature satisfied by children. In The garment makers of Kansas City who taking care of them she has a soothing were locked out by a firm have organized a and engrossing occupation if she will be company with \$4,500 capital and will start truly a mother. Moreover, when a strain comes between husband and herself she is strong in the strength of her children. Their companionship and their inspiration help her to stand firm and to be patient and without authority or love to do what she considers her duty.

The limitation of the family is a question too serious for more than passing refer-Legislature is being fought by the barber ence. There is, however, one cause of it among women of fashlon that is deplorable. Vanity often prevents a woman from wanting children. She cannot go about freely if she is to become a mother, nor can she wear shapely clothes for a couple of years at a time.

Another infelicity of married life that leads to divorce is inequality of age. This is a more subtle and powerful dissolvent than is usually believed. Shakspeare's seven ages of man have always been taken figuratively. I believe they are realities, almost as distinct as geological periods. There are physical, mental, moral and general temperamental differences that build Chinese walls around childhood, youth, middle life and old age. A sympathy sufficient for marriage is rare with great difference in age. "Crabbed age and youth cannot live together."

Women of the upper classes have too much leisure, and often their husbands have too much business. In New York a date is sometimes assigned to new social phases favorable to divorce. There was a time, a score of years ago, when new fortunes had freed the sons of their possessors from the need of going into business and left uptown all day gilded youth with time and money on their hands looking for amusement. The idle young man naturally found diversion with the equally idle young woman whose husband had to go to his

The influence of music upon women of the upper classes I have sometimes thought to be a very positive quantity in describing their family relation. The great art of today is music. There is no city in the world where more music can be heard than in New York. Concerts, private musicales, the opera, numberless daily opportunities are given women of listening to this intensest language of emotion. Afternoon after afternoon audiences of women sit listening to popular singers. Love songs are mostly what they hear. They are continually under the influence of a sentiment which, if it be true, is the characteristic of youth, of passion, of exceptional circumstances, and of unattained longing. This sentiment, sung ad nauseam, is not that feeling which gives strength or permanence to marriage or honor and reverence with a theory of love which they are apt to exact from the busy men, their husbands, whom they find waiting for them on their return home. Plato said: "When the modes of music change, morals change," and I am sure that the appeal and influence of much of the music women listen to in New York is unhealthy, unreal and disturbing. Mr. Howells once said to me, "The appeal of some music is infamous." There is to-day too widespread a desire for mere sensation. This mood snatches at physical pleasure carelessly and ruthlessly. It has no faith in spiritual pleasures, or it does not know what spirituality is. Men and women rush from pleasure to pleasure more for distraction than for enjoyment. For instance, the worst of the bridge-whist craze is that it prevents its votaries from thinking. But this is precisely why many of them play. This mood reverences no sanctities and can even laugh at decencies. When our wealth perceives its duty, when our luxury realizes its wastefulness, and when faith is discovered to be knowledge of the spiritual law, then this love of mere sensation may change for the love of the life of the spirit. before marriage are a very fertile cause of

The freer habits of life permitted to men family disunion. A pleasure-wearied man and a fresh girl are not in the same spiritual class. Her ideals and his own, even their senses, are so different, as in time inevitably to lead to disaster. The manager of a house of mercy told me that the unfortunate young women un-

der his care declare that their class is largely sustained by married men. In New | York there are 100,000 such women. A spiritual defilement, destructive of marriage, is found in these facts, for which men are almost entirely responsible. Besides these causes there are many others too personal in their nature to be

breached even in as frank discussion of facts as this paper has undertaken. An honest man, a church member, the secretary of a legislative committee in a State where divorce proceedings were intrusted to the Legislature, told me that he had heard a thousand divorce cases. In almost every case, as he heard it fully and freely set before his committee, there seemed to be just ground for divorce. He said, however, that many of the true causes of divorce were never published in newspapers. The newspaper reading public consequently often estimated the grounds of divorce to be more frivolous than they really were. Many women (and two-thirds of the divorces in the United States are granted to women) petition for divorce on less offensive grounds than they might, in law, set forth. They do this to protect their name and their children, and to create as little publicity as possible.



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A RIVER OF LAND. Astonishing Amount of Land That Flows Down the Mississippi.

John Swain, in Ainslee's Magazine. That capacity of the Mississippi for fillng up canals and old channels is somenually carried past Vicksburg in suspension is enough to make a block of earth 300 feet high and a mile square. Fifty feet off the top of this is spread around on the valley between here and the sea, and the rest goes out into the Gulf of Mexico, to build

Think what that means. Instead of a riv-

every year. But here-what are the use of such figures? Below Vicksburg-and above it, too, to an extent-we have the earth itself to speak for it. Except for the occasienal fragments of the line of bluffs along the eastern edge below here-which bob up at Fort Adams, at Natchez, at Grand Gulf, at Baton Rouge, at Port Hudson-there is thing awful. Government engineers have | nothing about the level of the high-water found that the amount of solid matter an- river except the artificial levees. These are in places miles back-great earthen banks, sometimes thirty feet high or more, sodded wonderfully fertile region behind them. And all this level country which the river overflows and fertilizes is constantly increased by this river of dirt which the Mississippi brings down from the inner region, er of water, this is a river of land. It gathered all the way from the Rockies to northern half of the country toward the it out sometimes an acre at a bite, and sea. Year in, year out, that endless line of takes with it forests, houses, levees and earth goes on. It would take a force of all else. The river is not a uniformly mov-

bank. It would make 25,000,000 wagon loads | runs in the deepest sections. It makes | claim the virtues of somebody's whisky, crossings whenever driven off shore by a and pills, and shoes, and corsets, and hats promontory. These crossings are dumping and shows. We are weltering in ugliplaces for the surplus earth the river has | ness. picked up in the bend it is eating.

> Ugly Advertising. Brooklyn Eagle.

England is beginning to interest itself in the reform of advertising, because in that dresser for \$10,000. According to the comcountry matters are even worse than they | plaint, last August, before Mrs. Kaiser went are in ours, though it is almost inconceiv- to the mountains, she purchased a hair and free from trees, which protect the able. There is a large and growing society that boycotts all goods which are adver- hair. tised in a manner to affront the public taste and spoil natural scenery or architectural vistas. In Manhattan we have gone | came as black as a raven's wing. She was so far as to threaten to remove the roof struck with the improvement, but went out fences that endanger the lives of people | for a drive and returned and went into the would make a solid stream of earth five | the Alleghenies. Sometimes the river starts | in the streets below. In Brooklyn we have | dining room. She became aware that other feet deep, and nine feet wide, flowing night | to eat away this land that it has made. In | done nothing, and keep on doing nothing, women at the table were gazing curiously and day as fast as a man can walk-four a single summer, if it will, it eats away | Once in a while we have a little meeting | at her and some were smiling. miles an hour-all sliding down off the half a mile of it out of some bend. It cuts and pass resolutions, but the public naver knows. Meanwhile, buildings are defaced, was startled to find her hair a brilliant telegraph poles are decorated with posters. obsolete hitching posts on Fulton street | Kaiser says that she tried to wash out the more than 50,000 men, working in eight- ing stream. One side or the middle moves and other thoroughfares are used as tying stain. The more she washed, however, the

#### \$10,000 for Purple Hair.

New York World. Mrs. James Kaiser, of Hempstead, L. L. has brought suit against a Brooklyn hair

lotion to hide a silver streak in her black

When she reached the Catskills Mrs.

Kaiser put on the stain and her hair be-

After dinner she looked in the glass and purple. Violet was not the fashion and Mrs. hour shifts, to throw the dirt into the swiftly, the other parts are still or singstream, supposing the river bed were rigid gish. Sometimes even these run up stream.

and an inexhaustible supply of dirt on the The swift part is the channel current, and hold a few letters is selsed upon to pro-